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## VLMI Offices Move

— Melody Lavin

Many changes have happened during 2010. One of the most important is the move of the VLMI Silver Lake, NY office to Elma, NY, and also the closing of the VLMI office in Wytheville, VA.

Paul and Mary Birt have been living in Lockport, NY while they have been caring for some health concerns. They plan to return to Kenya in Summer 2011.

An additional change is the relocation of Mike and Melody Lavin. The Lavins have been responsible for the VLMI business office since 1986. They recently moved to Fairview, PA (Erie), which is just across the NY/PA border, not too far from Elma.

## New Mailing Address: VLMI U.S.

Mail for VLMI should be sent to P. O. Box 219, Fairview, PA 16415, where Mike and Melody will continue to handle correspondence and contributions, ensuring that the ministry here and overseas receives and recognizes your donations.

We know that VLMI has had the same mailing address in Silver Lake since 1980, so if you inadvertently send mail to Silver Lake, it will be forwarded to P. O. Box 219, Fairview, PA 16415. However, mail will reach us more quickly if it is sent directly to the Post Office Box in Fairview. ◀

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## What's happening:

- 190 students are enrolled in Lavin Academy in Bungoma, Kenya
- 18 boys are living at the VLM Home for Children in Bungoma, Kenya
- The VLM Medical Centre is open 24/7, with full care for the surrounding communities

## Update From Mary

— Mary Birt

I look forward to the day when I can return to my beloved country of Kenya and my dear friends there. I do not feel my work is finished so I press on. There have been so many tests, and it has not been easy.

Some areas are already showing the touch of the supernatural power of God. The tumor has decreased in size by one centimeter. Praise the Lord! Please pray that it shrinks the other 4 centimeters.

Recent blood tests have come back normal. There is no evidence of cancer showing in the blood. The doctor says it is not normal, considering my condition, for the tests to be normal. Also, from the day I was told that I could not have an operation because my heart couldn't handle it, I have had no pain in my back, even though the doctor's report says that I have metastatic cancer in the spine

and four vertebrae are fractured. However, I have no pain and can stoop and bend normally. ▶

I am confident that the Lord will see me through to total victory.

In mid-January, I was able to teach my part of I Can Minister To Others, a workshop Paul and I wrote, at Victory Christian Church in Lockport, NY. We will be teaching at the church until June when we plan to return to Kenya.

Paul and I are planning to develop the Bible Training Centre in Nairobi and help establish a workable program for teaching the same Bible subjects to the different age groups within Jubilee Christian Church in Nairobi.

Thank you for your prayers! Thank you for your financial gifts. Thanks for your caring and love. ◀

# Preparing the Way of the Lord

— Mary Birt

God wants us to help prepare the way of the Lord. The Lord reminded us of a word that came on August 24, 2005 at a prayer meeting at the Upper Room in Lewistown, PA. The word is featured at the right:

To prepare for every move of God there needs to be an intercessor(s) – someone must pray until what God has in mind comes into the physical world.

The Church is being called at this moment to intercede and prepare a highway for Jesus' second coming and a highway for people to come to repentance. They will come to repentance by invitation from the Holy Spirit.

Join with others of like mind. To pray effectively, there must be unity among brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is not about you and your problems and situations. It is about what God needs you to do. This is the call on the Church worldwide. **This is your call.**

In Acts 4:23-25, believers prayed in unity and boldness, reminding God of Who He is. They prayed that He would give them boldness to speak the Word and that signs and wonders would follow. The results were magnificent! They were given boldness to speak the Word and power to witness. People looked at them with favor. They continued in unity with an attitude of giving; all needs were met.

How do we prepare the way of the Lord? We need to be right with God, true disciples with one goal and purpose in unity. We need to speak the Word boldly, reminding God of Who He is and asking Him to change the hearts of the people

Pray the Word. Pray in the spirit. Pray together in agreement. Pray and fast. Pray for revival and repentance. Pray for the lost. Pray. You will see the results. ◀

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"Give us a voice of unity,  
a voice ever strong and clear,  
a voice crying out in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way of the Lord!'  
Just as John the Baptist cried,  
and he prepared the way of the Lord,  
so now we're called to pray again,  
O Church,  
and prepare the way of the Lord!  
Let the people hear the voice, O Lord.  
Let the people come and pray.  
Gather them, Lord, by your Holy Power  
to prepare the way of the Lord!  
Knees do not grow weary now.  
Sleep stay away from our eyes.  
The people of God are called  
to this hour  
to prepare the way of the Lord!  
Come together Glorious Church;  
pray, for He's coming again.  
Make a highway of repentance  
and prayer  
to prepare the way of the Lord!  
Give us a voice of unity,  
a voice ever strong and clear.  
We'll push back the power of  
darkness and cry,  
'Prepare now the Way of the Lord!' "  
Matthew 3:1-3,5,6; Isaiah 40:3-5

## Contact Card

Please use my contribution for the start-up funds needed for a self-funding food program for the orphans. (The project will cost \$1,000 to plow, fertilize, plant and cultivate the land.) My gift is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please use my contribution toward the purchase of airline tickets for Paul and Mary's return to Kenya. My gift is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please use my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as needed.

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